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Sir:

Pursuant to M.P.E.P. §609 and 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97-1.99, Applicants herewith submit form PTO-1449 (1 sheet), which lists references cited in the International Search Report (ISR) dated October 1, 2004 and of which Applicants are aware for the present application. A copy of the ISR is attached hereto. It is noted that the Applicants have not enclosed a copy of the U.S. patents cited on form PTO-1449. Copies of the remaining references have not been enclosed because it is beleived that they will be submitted to the USPOT via the IPEA. It is nonetheless noted that each has been designated as an "A" type reference. A copy of each will be provided upon request.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists. While the term "references" is used in citing the documents called to the Examiner's attention herein, Applicants do not make any admission that each or all of them are "prior art" references within the meaning of the statutory and case law.

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Applicants request that the Examiner independently determine those items which the Examiner would consider the most pertinent of all the references cited herein.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed with the application and is therefore within three (3) months of the filing date of this application. Accordingly, this document complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.97(b). It is respectfully requested that the references cited in the accompanying PTO-1449 form be considered and made of record.

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